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Area Study) by closing those Zones to petroleum leasing and all industrial development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Interior and Bureau of Land Management are urged to procure existing private in-holdings within the Special Area, to manage Zones 1 and 2 of the Special Area exclusively for the protection and maintenance of its fish and wildlife values, and to consider impacts on the Special Area of land management actions elsewhere in the National Petroleum Reserve.

#### **Resolution No. 4**

##### **Hazards of Plastic Debris to Wildlife**

WHEREAS, plastic debris is increasing worldwide and tends not to disintegrate;

WHEREAS, plastic debris may be crippling or fatal to aquatic and terrestrial wildlife when mistaken for food and may be transferred through the food chain; and

WHEREAS, fish, birds, and mammals die every year from entanglement in plastic debris;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies recognizes the existence of plastic debris as a serious environmental problem and encourages its members to inform legislative and administrative bodies and the general public of the danger of plastic debris to wildlife, and of the need to reduce its proliferation into the environment.

#### **Resolution No. 5**

##### **Extending Appreciation to Senator Wallop and Congressman Breaux for Sponsoring Legislation and Reaffirming Congressional Support of the Wallop-Breaux Act (Public Law 98-269)**

WHEREAS, Senator Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming and Congressman John Breaux of Louisiana led the successful fight for legislation in the Senate and House of Representatives to increase funds available to States for sport fish restoration, aquatic education, public access, and boating facilities;

WHEREAS, countless numbers of sport anglers devoted their time and effort supporting that legislation to improve and restore the nation's sport fishery resources;

WHEREAS, the Congress and the President of the United States recognized this great need and endorsed that legislation establishing the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund (Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund);

WHEREAS, funding for the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund is generated from a federal excise tax on fishing equipment, motorboat fuel taxes, and custom duties on imported watercraft and fishing tackle, and therefore is a user fee which is consistent with policies of the federal administration;